

Wildlife Safety Training For Workers

This 2 part course is designed to provide an introduction to wildlife commonly found in Northern Alberta and British Columbia and to provide students with the knowledge to appropriately protect themselves.

Course Scope:

The objective of the Wildlife Safety Course is to ensure that participants are familiar with local wildlife and the applicable safety measures.

Course Objectives:

In order to achieve the course scope outlined, students will be presented with information on:

1. Wildlife as a hazard
2. Dangerous wildlife
3. Differences between Grizzly Bear and Black Bears
4. Bear encounters - assessing the situation
5. Ways to deal with bear attacks
6. Theoretical use of bear spray
7. Practical use of bear spray
8. Bear prevention
9. Cougar protection techniques
10. Elk protection techniques
11. Moose protection techniques
12. Ticks—how to prevent and how to remove

PART 1 - Wildlife Safety Training For Workers

Classroom - 8am to 2pm

A workbook is provided to students.

- Incorporating wildlife hazards into a FLHA
- Wildlife commonly found near site
- How to recognize signs of wildlife in area i.e. scat
- Seasonal changes in wildlife
- Bear prevention
- Differences between grizzly bears and black bears
- Assessing the situation for bear encounters
 - Predatory bears

- Spooked bears
- Territorial bears
- Mothers with cubs
- Bear protection techniques
- Bear spray theory
- Cougar attacks
- Elk attacks
- Moose attacks
- Tick season
 - How to identify ticks
 - How to remove ticks
 - When to seek medical attention for a tick bite

Teaching method: This course uses a combination of lecture, PowerPoint and class discussion

Examination: 25 question written multiple choice test. 80% required to pass. 1 opportunity to re-write.

PART 2 - Live Bear Pepper Spray Course

Outdoors - 2pm to 4pm

This course will also include an outdoor component in which each student has the opportunity to test inert bear spray on a target.

Required equipment for live spray training

The instructors will supply the following for each student:

- 1 can of inert bear spray for training
- 1 can of bear spray for the student to take with them for field work
- Safety glasses

Certification:

Wildlife Safety Training For Workers certification is valid for 3 years upon successful completion.

Student successfully completing each course will receive an 8.5" X 11" certificate and wallet sized card

Course Pre-requisites:

There are no pre-requisites for this course.

Cost:

\$100 per student for PART 1 - Basic Wildlife Safety Training classroom course

\$100 per student for PART 2 - outdoor bear pepper spray training

Maximum 20 students per course, minimum 10. Payment in advance is required

Client to provide suitable training room with white board.

Cancellation / Withdraw Policy

For a cancellation of up to 7 days before the course, PGIT will refund 100% of the course fees. 6 days or less, PGIT will refund 50%. Students who withdraw from the course the day it starts will forfeit the fees and not receive any refund.

Instructors



Mark Werner is recognized as one of the foremost experts on dangerous wildlife dispatching as a leading guide outfitter in BC. With over 35 years of hunting and guiding experience, Mark is uniquely qualified to train students. Mark has worked as an industry educator in loss prevention, private investigations, hunter education and martial arts. As President of the Guide Outfitters Association of BC, he was instrumental in bringing in minimum standards in education for guides and sat on the education committee responsible for the design of the program.



Warren Vignal, HSA™ is a certified Health and Safety Administrator, former Peace Officer and Investigator. With a keen knowledge of policies and procedures, Warren is able to impart his years of experience in legislation and regulation to assist students in understanding and deciphering the various laws and codes which wildlife monitors operate under. With a focus on safety, he will train students on the industry practices that are used on a daily basis. Warren is committed to ensuring his students succeed in the field.



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Location: Prince George, BC with mobile training available in BC and Alberta.

About PGIT

Mission Statement:

- The Prince George Institute of Technology will provide quality and relevant training and education to workers in Northern BC and Alberta.
- Our commitment is to deliver programming that meets or exceeds industry standards.
- We will identify and develop new courses that will create opportunities for both workers and industry.

By committing to developing and delivering programming that meets and exceeds industry standards, PGIT is able to provide relevant, high quality training and education to workers in Northern BC and Alberta. With an eye to the future PGIT will look to create new courses and learning opportunities for workers and industry.

Motto:

“Training tomorrows workers, today”

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